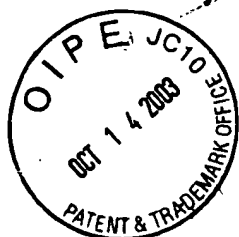


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In response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2003, please extend the period of time for response three (3) months, to expire on October 11, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached Replacement Sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.